

FRENCH OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS AND DEPENDENCIES

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Dec 1971	Law No. 71-1060	12nm	Referred to “the territorial waters of France.” Applies to mainland and all French overseas territories.
	Feb 1985	Decree No. 85/185		Regulates passage of foreign ships through territorial waters. Tankers, nuclear powered ships or nuclear cargo ships may be required to use designated sea lanes/traffic separation schemes.
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jun 1971	Decree		Straight baselines for French Guiana.
	Sep 1972	Decree No. 77-1067		Straight baselines for Mayotte.
	Sep 1972	Decree No. 77-1068		Straight baselines for St. Pierre and Miquelon.
	Jan 1978	Decree No. 78-112		Straight baselines for French Southern and Antarctic Lands (Kerguelen Islands).
	Apr 1999	Decree No. 99-324		Straight baselines for Martinique and Guadeloupe.
	May 2002	Decree No. 2002-827 (pages 58-66)		Straight baselines for New Caledonia.
	Aug 2007	Decree No. 2007-1254 (pages 22-25)		Promulgated Agreement with Madagascar on the delimitation of maritime areas situated between Reunion Island and Madagascar.
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Dec 1987	Act of 31 December 1987	24nm	Modifies Customs Code. New Article 44 introduced contiguous zone. Allows customs to search vessels under 1,000 gross register tons.
	Dec 1989	Act 89-874	24nm	Act on Maritime Cultural Assets (wrecks and other artifacts) on the seabed in the contiguous zone. Amended the Act of September 1941 Regulating Archaeological Excavations.
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Dec 1968	Law No. 68-1181	1958 DEF	
	May 1977	Act No. 77-485		Amended technical provisions in Act No. 68-1181; did not change claimed area.
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Jul 1976	Law No. 76-655		Enabling legislation for 200nm zone, assumed to apply to both mainland and all French dependencies.
	Feb 1977	Decrees: No. 77-169 No. 77-170	200nm	EEZ: St. Pierre and Miquelon; French Guiana.

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FISHING ZONE/EEZ, Continued	Feb 1977	Decree No. 77-130	200nm	Implemented EEZ for coasts bordering North Sea, English Channel, and Atlantic from Belgium to Spain. Breadth of EEZ subject to agreements with neighboring States, where appropriate.
	Feb 1978	Decrees: No. 78-144 No. 78-146 (pages 16-21) No. 78-147 No. 78-148	200nm	EEZ: Kerguelen Islands, New Caledonia, French Polynesia, Wallis and Futuna, Tromelin Islands, Glorioso Archipelago, Clipperton, Juan de Nova, the Europa Bassas, Mayotte, Reunion, and French Southern and Antarctic Islands.
	Mar 1978	Decrees: No. 78-276 No. 78-277	200nm	EEZ: Guadeloupe; Martinique.
MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Mar 1972	Agreement with Canada		Agreement between Canada (Newfoundland) and France (St. Pierre and Miquelon) signed and EIF. Delimited territorial sea and fishing zones. (Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 57 for U.S. Analysis and chart.)
	Jan 1980	Agreement with Tonga		EEZ boundary agreement between Tonga and France (Wallis and Futuna Islands) signed and EIF.
	Apr 1980	Agreement with Mauritius		EEZ boundary agreement between Mauritius and France (Reunion Island) signed and EIF. (Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 95 for U.S. Analysis and chart.)
	Jan 1983	Agreement with Venezuela		EEZ boundary agreement between Venezuela and France (Guadeloupe and Martinique) EIF; signed July 1980.
	Oct 1983	Agreement with Brazil		EEZ/continental shelf boundary agreement between Brazil and France (French Guiana) EIF; signed January 1981.
	Mar 1981	Agreement with St. Lucia		Maritime boundary agreement between St. Lucia and France (Martinique) signed and EIF.
	Jan 1983	Agreement with Australia		EEZ/continental shelf boundary agreement between Australia (Norfolk, Heard and McDonald Islands) and France (Kerguelen, New Caledonia and Chesterfield Islands) EIF; signed January 1982.
	Aug 1984	Agreement with Fiji		EEZ boundary agreement between Fiji and France (New Caledonia, Wallis and Futuna Islands) EIF; signed Jan 1983.

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MARITIME BOUNDARIES, Continued	Nov 1990	Agreement with Fiji		Codicil modifying above Agreement signed and EIF.
	Apr 1984	Agreement with UK		Maritime boundary agreement between UK (Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands) and France (Tuamotu Archipelago) EIF; signed October 1983. Delimited EEZ and fishing zones.
	Nov 1985	Agreement with Tuvalu		Exchange of Notes constituting an agreement between Tuvalu and France (French Polynesia) EIF. Provisionally declares equidistant line as boundary.
	Dec 1988	Agreement with Dominica		Maritime boundary agreement between Dominica and France (Martinique, Guadeloupe, Saintes and Marie-Galante Islands) EIF; signed September 1987.
	Aug 1990	Agreement with Cook Islands		Maritime boundary agreement between the Cook Islands and France (French Polynesia) signed and EIF.
	Nov 1990	Agreement with Solomon Islands		Maritime boundary agreement between the Solomon Islands and France (New Caledonia) signed and EIF.
	Jun 1992	Court of Arbitration Award between Canada and France		Maritime boundary delimited between Canada and France (St. Pierre and Miquelon).
	Feb 1993	Agreement with UK		Exchange of notes constituting an EEZ boundary agreement between the UK (Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands) and France (Tuamotu Archipelago) EIF.
	Jan 1997	Agreement with UK		Maritime boundary agreement between UK (Anguilla) and France (St. Martin and St. Barthelemy) EIF; signed June 1996.
	Jan 1997	Agreement with UK		Maritime boundary agreement between UK (Montserrat) and France (Guadeloupe) EIF; signed June 1996.
	Feb 2001	Agreement with Seychelles		Maritime boundary agreement delimiting the EEZ and continental shelf between Seychelles (Assumption and Astove Islands) and France (Glorioso Islands) signed and EIF.
	Jun 2007	Agreement with Madagascar (pages 23-25)		EEZ boundary agreement between Madagascar and France (Reunion) EIF; signed April 2005.
LOS CONVENTION	Dec 1982			France signed Convention, with Declaration .
	Jul 1994			France signed Part XI Agreement.
	Apr 1996			France ratified Convention and Part XI Agreement, with Declaration ; presumed applicable to its dependencies.